

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Katsuo SHIBAHARA

Art Unit: 3656

Application No.: 10/562,880

Examiner: James PILKINGTON

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For: FLUID BEARING DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents

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Date: November 24, 2009

Sir:

This paper is in reply to the Office Action dated August 24, 2009.

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